

REMARKS

This paper is responsive to an Office Action dated November 4, 2004. Prior to this response claims 1-4 and 6-30 were pending. After amending claims 20, 24, and 28, canceling claims 22, 23, 26, and 27, and adding claims 31-33, claims 1-4 and 6-21, 24-25, and 28-33 remain pending.

In Section 2 of the Office Action claims 20, 22, 24 and 26 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable with respect to Hirt (US 5,448,802).

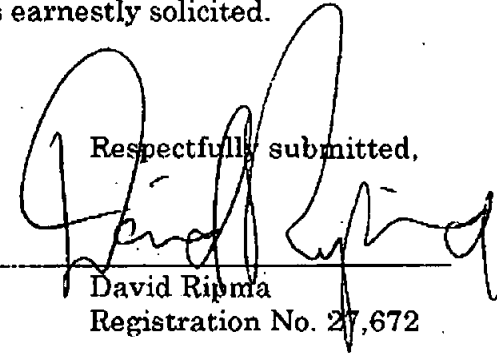
Section 3 of the Office Action states that claims 21, 23, 25, and 27-28 would be found allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the subject matter of the base and intervening claims. In response, claim 20 has been amended to incorporate all the subject matter of claims 22 and 23, now canceled. New claim 31 has been added incorporating the subject matter of claims 20 and 21. Claim 24 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claims 26 and 27. All claims dependent from claim 24 should now be allowable. New claim 32 was added incorporating the subject matter of claims 24 and 25. New claim 33 was added incorporating the subject matter of claims 24, 26, and 28.

Section 4 of the Office Action states that claims 1-4, 6-19, and 29-30 have been allowed.

It is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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